

The National Lines Bureau (NLB) is a small stevedoring service which provides linesmen to moor and un-moor sea going vessels which call on the Port of LA/LB. The linesman category of longshoremen in the Port of LA/LB work under specialized conditions and those conditions should be taken under consideration when developing and security screening in the Port.

- * Linesmen are routinely dispatched to perform the mooring service on very short notice.
- * Linesmen represent a steadily employed group of employees
- * The nature of dispatch sometimes precludes a timely notice to the concerned terminal of the names of the assigned linesmen
- * Dispatch of linesmen, by contract, is by wages earned up to the dispatch time and identity of the dispatched linesmen is not known until the actual time of dispatch.

With the above in mind, it would be difficult for the NLB lines dispatcher and/or NLB management to be able to identify the dispatched linesmen for the concerned terminal security personnel in a timely manner.

Some provision should be made in the law for dispatched longshore workers who will be responding from out side the terminal to be able to effectively enter the terminal in the course of their duties in a timely manner.

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